

**Congregational Spotlight on:  
*Jerry Montgomery – Daughter of Joy***

Jerry Montgomery came into this world on October 8<sup>th</sup> and grew up in Toledo, OH. She and her late husband Tom have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Wait! There is 1 more great grandbaby on the way!

Speaking of grandchildren...ask her granddaughter, Alyssa what her favorite food is. Without batting an eye she will emphatically reply, "CHICKEN!" Jerry says she is pretty much a meat and potatoes kind of gal. However, the truth is that whether her chicken is hot or cold, as long as it is cooked and it's white meat she can live on 'Gospel' bird several times in one week.

If anyone has spent some time around Ms. Jerry you quickly learn that she is passionate about a few things besides God. First she LOVES to read. In fact my suggestion is that if you catch her with her nose in a book, do not attempt to engage in conversation. You may find that you may be having a conversation with yourself since Jerry has entered the pages of her book.

However, she has no problem engaging in conversation with the television if her favorite NASCAR driver, Chase Elliott is having a bad run. Oh did I mention she LOVES NASCAR? Actually the word, love, might not be a strong enough word. Fervently spirited! Yep! Those words are a much better choice.

Finally her other guilty pleasure is watching Hallmark movies. In fact if there were such a thing as 'Hallmark movie watching gluttony' in the Bible and we were Catholic, she would probably frequent the confessional booth.

Jerry's testimony is such a remarkable story of God's unrelenting love. She grew up in an abusive situation and with the death of her father and others she didn't like God and was really sort of scared of Him.

Jerry's husband's grandmother kept encouraging her to watch Kathryn Kuhlman. Frankly Jerry thought she was a bit weird, but eventually was started watching the 700 Club and during one show out of curiosity she actually repeated the sinner's prayer. She didn't feel anything different so she figured it really wasn't such a big deal.

Then one Sunday she drove up in front of Rev. Drost's church. She told God, "If you want me God then send someone outside to get me." Right after she said that Ms. Hodges came out and asked her to come in. She prayed the sinner's prayer again but this time something happened. She quit cussing!

It was in Ohio at a meeting that she was baptized in the Holy Spirit. She said it felt as if streams of liquid love poured over and through her. She shook under the influence of the Holy Spirit for a week.

She started attending Mike Tune's church where she began to experience times of immense joy. However it wasn't until a Rodney Howard Browne meeting in Louisville, KY that she was baptized with fire. And this is where she experienced the most incredible and overwhelming joy and laughter. This experience changed her way of looking at God. All traces of bitterness left and she realized God was actually approachable and fun. He was her Daddy God.

Her desire for Revolution Church is for Him to hit everybody with the fire so much so that joy and laughter will abound in great measure. It's in His presence there is fullness of joy.

Jerry Montgomery